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Re: U.S. Application No.: 09/523,102 /
Filed: March 10, 2000
Title: ***Methods and Compositions for Treating and Preventing
Retinal Neovascularization***
Inventors: Erwin SI *et al.*
Our Ref. No.: 13587.286

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. a Response to the Office Action Dated February 26, 2003;
2. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
3. an Information Disclosure Statement one (1) page;
4. Supplemental Form PTO-1449 one (1) page with one (1) accompanying reference; and
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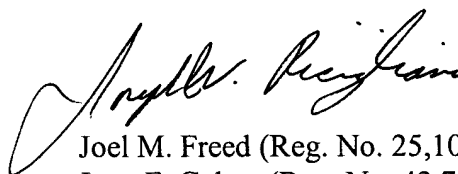
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Respectfully submitted,

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